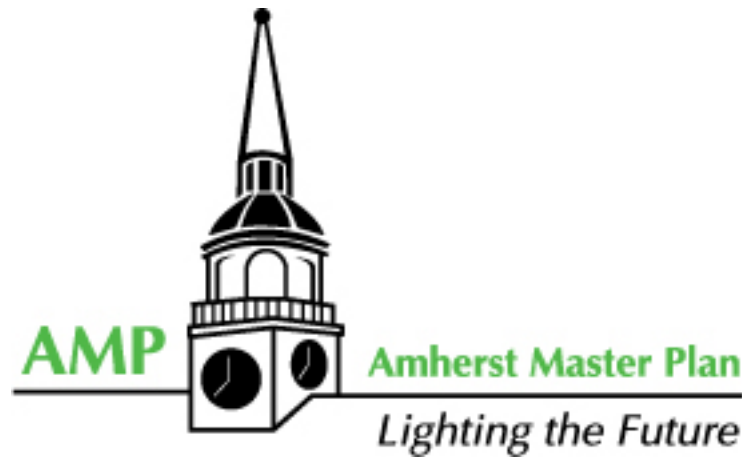


# AMP: AMHERST MASTER PLAN LIGHTING THE FUTURE



## RECREATION

### WANT: Voice of Amherst<sup>1</sup>:

- *“The Town Green and other parks help define the town’s character.”*
- *“Athletics and recreation contribute to the spirit of the community.”*
- *“We need a multipurpose recreation center.”*
- *“We need more opportunities for recreation for all ages.”*
- *“We need to maintain and improve our existing recreation facilities.”*

### HAVE: Existing Conditions<sup>2</sup>:

- Recreation Department with a diverse set of programs
- Diverse facilities in various parts of town
- Needs for improvements to existing facilities
- Tax-deeded property that may serve as additional park land
- Four golf courses and other private recreation facilities

### MAIN ISSUES: Opportunities & Challenges:

- Future adequacy of facilities, especially fields and playgrounds
- Support for recreation improvements
- Better use of Town Green
- Future of Cemetery Fields
- Funding for maintaining and expanding recreation facilities

<sup>1</sup> Resident input, based on various visioning exercises.

<sup>2</sup> Consultant documentation, based on review of previous studies, interviews, meetings, site visits.